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More than a Thousand Census Jobs Available in the Hickory Area

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue today announced that more than a thousand Census jobs are still available through the Hickory Local Census Office (LCO). There is a particular need in Alexander, Catawba, Iredell, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin counties.

The U.S. Census Bureau began hiring in January and continues to hire as the Census process progresses. Job seekers can find application information at www.2010censusjobs.gov, by calling 1-866-861-2010, or by contacting the LCO:

Hickory LCO 828-270-3782 1273 16th Street NE Hickory, NC 28601

The Hickory LCO covers Alexander, Alleghany, Catawba, Iredell, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin counties.

"Census jobs are a great opportunity for thousands of North Carolinians who are looking for work," said Gov. Perdue. "At the same time, these workers will help our state achieve a complete count of our population and access the more than \$400 billion in federal funds to be distributed each year based on the census count."

To qualify for temporary Census employment, you must be:

- able to read, write, and speak English;
- a U.S. citizen;
- a legal permanent resident, or non-citizen with an appropriate work visa, and you possess a bilingual skill for which there are no available qualified U.S. citizens;
- at least 18 years old;